

Welcome to Math 1A.65Y: Calculus I - Fall 2026

Communication and Contact Information

Instructor: Dr Lisa Markus (call me “Dr Markus” or “Lisa”)

Contact me anytime you need help or have questions. My goal is to respond to asynchronous communication by the end of the next school day. The best way to contact me is **via the InBox in Canvas**. You can also post questions to the class Discussions in Canvas.

Email: markuslisa@fhda.edu

Office Hour via Zoom: Thursday 6:30pm – 7:45pm

Note: there will be no Office Hour on School Holidays.

During my Zoom Office Hours, you can talk to me live. You do not need to use your camera. If you do not have a microphone, you can use Chat in Zoom. I have enabled “**Waiting Rooms**” in Zoom office hours so that each student may privately speak to me. If you see that you are in the waiting room, please wait for me and I will be with you as soon as I am done helping previous student(s). If my office hour does not work for your schedule, you may request an appointment for a different time, OR you may use other options to communicate with me: **the InBox in Canvas**

There will be weekly **Announcements** posted, and written comments for your quizzes. Additionally, you will get messages from me via the InBox in Canvas, and in Speed Grader.

Required Course Materials

- **CANVAS:** deanza.instructure.com (Free.) Used for notes, videos, keeping track of your grades and uploading written work. The textbook and homework in MyOpenMath are linked online in Canvas. The textbook is also at https://math.libretexts.org/Courses/De_Anza_College/Calculus_I%3A_Differential_Calculus
- **CALCULATOR:** A TI-84 graphing calculator (or equivalent)
- **FILE UPLOADS:** A way to **submit written work** in Canvas as a single pdf file upload.
- **GRAPHING:** you can draw by hand or use a computer. [Desmos](https://www.desmos.com) is a free site for graphs.

Attendance Policy

Attendance is **required** via actively participating in the online class. I will drop any student who has not logged onto the Canvas course and completed the discussion assignment during the first week. If you fail to complete assignments each week I **may** drop you from the course, however, students are responsible TO DROP OR WITHDRAW if they so need. It is also the student's responsibility to check <http://www.deanza.edu/calendar/> (Links to an

external site.) for the De Anza College deadlines. The course-specific dates are in MyPortal.

Math 1A Student Learning Outcomes

- Analyze and synthesize the concepts of limits, continuity, and differentiation from a graphical, numerical, analytical and verbal approach, using correct notation and mathematical precision.
- Evaluate the behavior of graphs in the context of limits, continuity and differentiability.
- Recognize, diagnose, and decide on the appropriate method for solving applied real-world problems in optimization, related rates and numerical approximation.

Note to students with disabilities

If you have a disability-related need for reasonable academic accommodations or services in this course, provide me with a Test Accommodation Verification Form (also known as a TAV form) from Disability Support Services (DSS) or the Educational Diagnostic Center (EDC). Students are expected to give **one week** notice of the need for accommodations. Students with disabilities can obtain a TAV form from their DSS counselor (408 864-8753 DSS main number) or EDC advisor (408 864-8839 EDC main number). The application process is here: <https://www.deanza.edu/dsps/dss/applynow.html>

No Make-Ups - but some scores are dropped!

There are no make-ups for any missed work, and no late work will be accepted. For some assignment types, some scores are dropped. This dropping of lowest scores is **also to take into account any technical difficulties** that may occur, plus any issues related to quarantine, Covid-19, power outages, internet issues, etc.

Academic Integrity

Students who submit the work of others as their own or cheat on exams or other assignments will receive a failing grade in the assignment, that score will not be dropped, and will be reported to college authorities.

Online Homework

The purpose of homework is to help you learn the material in the course. Each homework set is worth 10 points. You learn the most and do your best if you work through the homework problems. Your 20 highest homework scores count towards your final grade which also takes into account any technical difficulties you may have. Homework in MyOpenMath may have more than 10 points, your score will be rescaled in Canvas.

Note that the Practice Exercises in the book and on Canvas are for practice and do not count towards your course grade.

Quizzes

Throughout the course, written quizzes will be uploaded into Canvas. **Late papers will receive a grade of 0.** Written work must be uploaded in Canvas as a **SINGLE (ONE) pdf**

file attachment in the correct place, (NOT a folder with several files, and NOT a zip file), by the due date and time. Attachments that are blank, cannot be read, are in the wrong place, or cannot be opened will receive a grade of 0. If you upload more than one file, I will only grade one of your files. Examples of work that is NOT accepted: emailed work, work in messages in Canvas, work uploaded into the comments in Canvas, work uploaded for the wrong assignment.

Exams

Three Midterm Exams and one Final Exam will be given during the quarter. All exams will be timed and must be taken on the date outlined in Canvas. One midterm exam and the final exam will be proctored and taken in person. If you are unable to come to campus, see Alternative Proctoring for Exams at the end of this syllabus.

Feedback

For assignments, be sure to review the correct answers to help understand where you went wrong and thoughtfully ask me any questions on anything you need help with. For the quizzes, review any comments I write about your work after it is graded. Expect the quiz grades with comments within 2 school days of the due date.

Grades

Lowest percent for each letter grade (no rounding, an 89.99 is a B+): A 93%, A- 90%, B+ 87%, B 83%, B- 80%, C+ 77%, C 70%, D+ 67%, D 63%, D- 60%.

Grade Calculations

Type	Description	Maximum Points
Homework	Top 20 scores. 10 points each.	200
Quizzes	Top 5 scores, 20 points each	100
3 Midterms Exams	1 in-person, 2 online. 50 points each (No scores dropped)	150
Final Exam	In person only. 50 points. F for course if not taken.	50
Total		500

NOTE: there may also be extra credit assignments that add to your points, but not the total points, so your personal total is divided by 500 to calculate your grade. **If you do not take the Final Exam your grade for the course will be F.**

Course Calendar (tentative)

Tentative Calendar for the Course		
Week, Monday date	Homework due Monday 11:00pm	Assignments due FRIDAY 11:00PM
Week 1: 21 September	Start the homework due next week. Chapter 1 should be all review.	Orientation Discussion – You will be dropped if you do not complete this assignment. First part is due WEDNESDAY!!
Week 2: 28 September	2.1, 2.2, 2.3	Quiz 1
Week 3: 5 October	2.4, 2.5, 3.1	Quiz 2
Week 4: 12 October	3.2, 3.3	In-person Exam 1 (2.1 – 3.3) MLC 112 Friday 16 October 10:00 -11:00am
Week 5: 19 October	3.4, 3.5, 3.6	Quiz 3
Week 6: 26 October	3.7, 3.8, 3.9	Quiz 4
Week 7: 2 November	5.1, 5.2	Online Exam 2 (3.4 – 3.9) Friday 6 November
Week 8: 9 November	4.1, 4.2	Quiz 5
Week 9: 16 November	4.3, 4.4	Online Exam 3 (5.1, 5.2, 4.1 – 4.4) Friday 20 November
Week 10: 23 November	4.5, 4.6	Thanksgiving on Thursday
Week 11: 30 November	4.7, 4.8	Quiz 6
Week 12: 7 December	4.9, 4.10	In-person Final Exam – all sections Friday 11 December 11:15am – 1:15pm MLC 112

Strategies for Success

1. Keep up on all work – set aside at least 15 hours per week to work on this course.
2. Ask questions! - Use Discussions, Canvas InBox, Tutoring.
3. Read the textbook and take advantage of the resources in Canvas.
4. Start the homework long before it is due.

Alternative Proctoring for Exams

If you prefer not to take the exams on campus at the given times, you may **REQUEST** to take the exam elsewhere:

If you wish to take the exam at an alternative day/time, you must have **COMPLETED** the following with me at least **ONE WEEK** in advance of the official day for **EACH** exam. You should start this process at least TWO weeks in advance.

1. You may **ONLY** take the exam on Thursday or Friday of the official exam week.
2. You must email me to let me know where you are **requesting** to take the exam, and the day and time of your appointment. Approved testing centers include members of the Consortium of College Testing Centers OR a US Forces base overseas OR San Jose State University's proctoring center. You must email me the place, website, plus the name, phone and email of a contact person at the testing center. See <http://www.ncta-testing.org/cctc/> for a list of testing centers, and also check **San Jose State University** at <http://testing.sjsu.edu/proctor/>

Note that you are REQUESTING an alternate exam day and time. I am under NO obligation to allow exams elsewhere.

3. I will contact the testing center **within 2 school days** of you contacting me.
4. I must have **received** a response from the testing center, with confirmation of your day and time for testing at least **ONE** week in advance of the official exam. If these arrangements are not **completed 1 week** in advance, your options are either to take the exam with the class at the scheduled time on campus or to miss the exam and receive a grade of 0. "**Completed**" includes me getting a response from the testing center at least one week before the exam.
5. Completed exams must be **emailed** to me by your testing center by noon Cupertino time of the following school day. Any late work will receive a grade of 0.

Please be sure to provide me the following information in a SINGLE message:

1. Place and website of where you are requesting to take the exam.
2. Name, phone and email of a contact person.
3. Day and time of your appointment for each exam.

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